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SUBJECT: AEC TEAM VISIT

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING REVISED LIST OF
AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM DR. AKBAR ETEMAD,
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE
LIST PRESENTED BY THE USG WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
"ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAM"
APPEAR TO BE COVERED IN THE IRANIAN AGENDA.
DR. ETEMAD'S LIST FOLLOWS:

A. TRAINING OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGISTS, TECHNICIANS
AND OPERATORS;

B. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (NUCLEAR PHYSICS AND
CHEMISTRY, REACTOR PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY);

C. AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, MEDICAL AND OTHER
APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY;

D. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT IN POWER REACTOR TECHNOLOGY
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SUCH AS HIGH TEMPERATURE GAS-COOLED REACTOR;

E. APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO WATER DESALINATION;

F. ENVIRONMENT AND NUCLEAR SAFETY;

G. SITING OF NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS.

2. PRESS COVERAGE: DR. ETEMAD HAS APPROVED CONTENT OF THE PRESS STATEMENT WITH SOME SLIGHT MODIFICATION. HE PROPOSES THAT IT BE RELEASED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON AND TEHRAN ON SATURDAY, MAY 18. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE STATEMENT AS APPROVED BY DR. ETEMAD. QUOTE AT THE INVITATION OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, CHAIRMAN DIXIE LEE RAY OF THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, ACCOMPANIED BY A TEAM OF FIVE TOP AEC OFFICIALS, WILL BE VISITING TEHRAN BEGINNING MAY 19 FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN VIEW OF IRAN'S PLANS TO DEVELOP A MAJOR NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

THE DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND ITS VARIOUS APPLICATIONS AND EXPLORE MEANS THROUGH WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN MOST USEFULLY COOPERATE IN IRAN'S PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A MAJOR NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPLEX. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL EXAMINE, IN ADDITION, NEEDS FOR TRAINING AND THE APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN INDUSTRY, IN MEDICINE, IN AGRICULTURE AND IN DESALTING OPERATIONS. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED FIRM TRAVEL PLANS FOR CHAIRMAN RAY AND HER PARTY. WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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